

**REMARKS**

The Communication from the Examiner dated July 21, 2004 objected to the Amendment filed July 7, 2004 as not indicating claims 1-8 as cancelled. The present Amendment overcomes this objection.

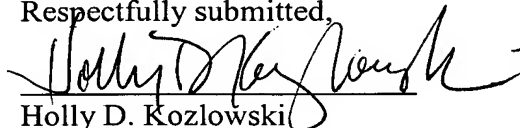
By the present Amendment, claim 22 is amended to change its dependency from canceled claim 2 to pending claim 10. As this Amendment does not involve any introduction of new matter, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action dated June 7, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species of allergen for prosecution on the merits to which the claims should be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner acknowledged that claims 9, 10, 16 and 22 are generic.

Applicants hereby elect the species comprising *Parietaria judaica*. It is believed that all of claims 9-22 read on the elected species. This election of species is made with traverse on the basis that it is not unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search the invention defined by the generic claims 9, 10, 16 and 22, without an election of species. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election of species requirement is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the election requirement. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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